

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/605,915

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/19/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 4-11.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 05/19/2005 was filed before the mailing date of the Non-Final Rejection on 05/08/2007. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, and 4-11 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-2, and 4-11 recite specific features in which the prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obviousness. The closest prior art relevant to applicant's claimed invention is Herzig et al. (US 6594503), which teaches a communication device with optical character recognition capabilities.

With respect to Claims 1 and 10, Herzig et al. teaches a mobile phone system with a card character recognition function comprising: a mobile phone with housing (Col. 2, Lines 12-14, Fig. 11), an image capturing module within the phone (CCD, Col. 2, Lines 24-25, Fig. 2, Item 100 and 120), a character recognition module within the phone (OCR

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reader, Col. 2, Lines 21-24 and 41-44, Fig. 1 and 2, Item 110), a control module within the phone (Col. 2, Lines 58-60), a display (graphical representation, Fig. 2, Item 155), memory (Fig. 2, Item 135), a capturing jig (Fig. 5, Item 100) that includes a light source installed inside (Fig. 5, Item 125) and a contact camera with close shooting lens (Col. 3, Lines 64-67, Col. 4, Lines 1-2, Fig. 5, Item 123), however Herzig et al. fails to teach or render obvious the capturing jig comprises a collapsible ray shade made of opaque material and a close shooting lens.

With respect to Claims 2, 4-9, and 11 are allowed for being dependent on an allowed base claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Lim whose telephone number is (571) 270-1210. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 9:00am-4:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on (571)272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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